

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-BA

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

International Relations Major (36 credits)	
Required Courses (21 credits)	
— ECO 210 Introductory Macroeconomics (3) Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended	— HST 317 History of American Foreign Relations (3) Prerequisites: Completion of Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing
— ECO 211 Introductory Microeconomics (3) Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended	— PLS 211 International Relations (3)
— GPY 235 Geography for a Changing World (3)	— PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy (3) Prerequisites: PLS 102 or 211 or junior standing
	— IR 495 SWS Seminar in International Relations (Capstone) (3) Prerequisites: Senior standing and IR major and WRT 150
Elective Requirements (15 credits)	
The remaining 15 hours should be selected from the list of international relations course electives below and must include a minimum of three hours at the 300-level or above in each of the three categories (Economics and Business, History and Geography, Political Science)	
— Economics & Business Elective _____ (3) at 300- or 400 level	— History & Geography Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level
— Elective _____ (3)	— Political Science Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level
— Elective _____ (3)	

International Relations Elective Courses (Prerequisites in Parentheses)		
Note that each academic year the IR coordinator, Dr. Diven, sends majors a list of additional elective choices for that year.		
Economics and Business	History and Geography	Political Science
ECO 349 Emerging Markets Issues (ECO 210 or ECO 200)	GPY 350 Geopolitics, Energy, and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia (Junior Standing)	AAA 300 U.S.-Africa Relations
ECO 365 Comparative Economic System (ECO 210 or ECO 200)	GPY 351 Geography of Africa (None)	AAA 341 Civil Conflicts in Africa
ECO 369 International Economic Issues (ECO 210 or ECO 200)	GPY 352 Geography of Latin America (None)	LAS 320 Model Organization of American States (LAS 210, PLS 211, or PLS 284)
FIN 429 International Financial Management (None)	GPY 354 Geography of Asia (Junior Standing)	MES 370 Contemporary Issues in the Modern Middle East: The Model Arab League (Junior Standing)
HTM 202 International Tourism	GPY 355 Geography of Southwest Asia - The Middle East (None)	PLS 212 Great Decisions (None)
MGT 303 Introduction to International Business (Junior Standing)	GPY 356 The Geography, Culture, and Land Use Management of Europe	PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe (None)
MGT 466 International Management and Multinational Corporations (Senior Standing)	GPY 362 Farmers, Crops, and Our Challenging Agricultural World (Junior Standing)	PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-China Relations (None)
MKT 359 Multinational Marketing (None)	GPY 412 Global Environmental Change (Junior Standing)	PLS 284 Latin American Politics (None)
	HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization (None)	PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (PLS 211 or junior standing)
	HST 230 Latin America in World History	PLS 313 International Organization (PLS 211 or junior standing)
	HST 235 Africa in World History	PLS 314 International Law (PLS 211 or junior standing)
	HST 241 A History of East Asia since 1800	PLS 315 International Political Economy (PLS 211 or ECO 200 or ECO 210 or ECO 211)
	HST 307 United States Since 1970	
	HST 310 Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History	
	HST 331 Modern Latin America	
Special Topics and Independent Study		

IR 380 Special Topics (1-3) IR 399 Independent Readings (1-3) IR 490 Internship (2-6) IR 499 Independent Research (1-3)	HST 332 Emergence of Modern India and South Asia (Junior Standing) HST 333 Modern China (Junior Standing) HST 334 The Making of the Caribbean HST 336 Africa after 1870 (HST 204 or HST 235 or junior standing) HST 337 The Age of Islamic Empire (HST 203, HST 204 or junior standing) HST 338 Modern Middle East (HST 204 and HST 206 or junior standing) HST 339 Modern Iran HST 343 History of South Africa (HST 204, HST 235, or Junior Standing) HST/LAS 375 History of Mexico HST 377 History of Warfare HST 386 20 th Century Europe (Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing) HST 389 Russian History HST 390 Soviet History (HST 204 or junior standing) LAS/HST 374 Revolution in the Americas (HST 204 or LAS 210)	PLS/HRT 316 Human Rights in International Politics (PLS 103 or PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS/AAA 319 African Politics (PLS 103) (junior standing) PLS 320 Comparative Politics of the Middle East PLS 321 The European Union (PLS 221 or permission of instructor) PLS 325 Human Rights & Democracy in Russia & the Post-Communist World (PLS 103 or Junior Standing) PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 339 Democracy and the Authoritarian Challenge (junior standing) PLS 350 Comparative Public Opinion (STA 215 and PLS 300) SOC 350 Family and Gender in the Developing World (WRT 150 and Junior Standing)
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Bachelor of Arts

For IR majors, the B.A. degree requires fourth-semester proficiency in a modern, spoken foreign language. This may be fulfilled through language placement <http://www.gvsu.edu/mll/language-placement-exam-108.htm>) or by completing the courses listed below:

- **Language 101 (4)**
- **Language 102/150 (4)** (150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is only recommended for students with previous language background)
- **Language 201 (4)**
- **Language 202 (4)**

Sample Plan

Year One		Year Three: Study abroad or on campus	
WRT 150 (4) ¹	GPY 235 (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)
MTH 110 (4)	Language Course (4)	IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)
Language course (4)	GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)
PLS 211 (3)	GEN ED (3)	Elective (3)	Elective (3)
Year Two		Year Four	
ECO 210 (3)	ECO 211 (3)	HST 317 (3)	IR Elective Course (3)
Language Course (4)	Language Course (4)	IR 495 Capstone (3)	ISSUE (3)
GEN ED (3)	PLS 312 (3)	ISSUE (3)	Elective (3)
GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)	Elective (3)	Elective (3)
		Elective (3)	Elective (3)
			OR Internship

*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute

*Elective refers to any course to help you earn the required 120 credits for graduation; you may choose a minor or continue with the language to gain additional credits (you are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credits per semester)

*Supplement major courses with general education courses when scheduling

*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15

*A major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

¹ Students who self-place into WRT 098 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 150 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 150 in order to satisfy the WRT 150 requirement at GVSU.

Guide for Declaring the International Relations Major:

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select “Student”, “Student Records”, and then, “Change Major”
3. Click on the “Change Major 1/Program” box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to “New Major 1/Program,” from here scroll down and choose “International Relations-BA”
5. Click “Submit” and then “Change to New Program”

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the required courses in the International Relations Major:

Social and Behavioral Sciences: ECO 210 or ECO 211; GPY 235; PLS 211

Global Perspectives: GPY 235; PLS 211; Language 202